

The quarterly meeting of the Oconee County Library Board was held on Monday October 21, 1996 at 4:30 at the main library in Athens Georgia. The following people were present: Ellen Purvis, Peter Wyllie, Rosemary Stancil, Lila Wyatt, Wilson White, Elaine Brown, JoeAnne Mitchell, Billie Brown, Mary Ann Driver, and Katheryn Ames. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Wilson announced there has been no activity in any of the accounts - just interest. The total funds available are \$10,895.81. There was some discussion on some of the memorials (Garden Club and Breedlove) that are designated for study rooms in the new library. The new study rooms are larger than what was originally planned. Mrs. Johnsons's memorial money will be used in the children's area.

Regional Report: Mrs. Ames reviewed a report from Warren Graham on safety measures of staff to the new libraries. With the temporary closing of the Watkinsville Branch all the Watkinsville staff have been assigned to different areas of the main Athens library or in Bogart. The bookmobile is still in service and is coming to Watkinsville three times a week. The staff will be learning information that will be of value upon returning back to Watkinsville (use of Internet etc.). The budget was discussed next. It needed revising since it was \$91,630 over budget. No one wanted to cut down on square footage so changes were made to change things that could be added back in at a later date after more additional money could be raised. Wilson made the motion to accept these changes and Joe Anne seconded the motion. The building should start in 10 days.

Branch Report: Mary Ann mentioned the use at Bogart has gone up with the closing of the Watkinsville branch. She attended a workshop and shared "Library Board Commitment to serve" pledges.

Bogart Branch: Martha Boone has moved to North Carolina so a new appointee is needed for the Bogart area.

Personnel: Mrs. Brown announced her retirement as of February 1, 1997. Discussion followed as to the need to hire someone one month before the new library reopens. Mrs. Ames mentioned a good job description will be needed to look for the right person. The personnel committee needs to present it at the next meeting. Peter suggested staff input on hiring the new manager.

Public Relations: The Friends will have a meeting on November 10th from 2 - 4. The theme will be "Construction of a book" and they will have a panel of local authors talking about publishing. The newspaper needs to be involved to update the community. Pictures could be taken of the remodeling to be used for the "history" of the library. The Friends may be able to be involved here.

Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers: Chairman: Ellen Purvis; Vice President: JoeAnne Mitchell; Secretary: Lila Wyatt; Finance: Wilson White. Lila Wyatt and Rosemary Stancil agreed to serve for another term if needed. One more position for the Bogart area is still needed. The motion was made and seconded to receive this slate of officers.

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New Business: The recommendation was made to lower the video fine from \$3.00 per day to \$1.00 per day. And for the two week books the overdue fines should be increased from 10 cents a day to 25 cents a day. A written complaint was received from Dale Woodland on the book "Exquisite Corpse". Peter will chair a book review with Ray, Elaine, and Carolyn and decided what actions to take.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Wyatt

Lila Wyatt, Secretary